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Continued Dry Conditions

Ideal harvest conditions for the 2nd consecutive week. Small grain harvest is nearly complete in all areas, except Eastern Idaho, where a combination of cool temperatures and moisture delayed spring planting and emergence. Producers began early sugarbeet digs in South-central and Eastern areas. Minimal precipitation was reported across the state. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 7.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending September 19 included monitoring for disease, harvesting small grains and row crops, and preparing for fall planting.

CROP REPORT

Across the state potato harvest is gaining momentum as potato vines dead/killed increased 33% over the previous week. In most areas of the state winter wheat planted is behind last year and the five year average with 2% of the crop emerged. Northern areas report Bartlett pears are ready for harvest. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 8% very short, 35% short, 56% adequate, and 1% surplus.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Range and Pasture conditions continue to decline as dry weather persists. Cattle and sheep being brought down from the high country are reported in good condition.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	1999	1998	Avg.
Potatoes with Vines Dead/Kill	67	57	74
Mint Harvested	88	95	94
Onions Harvested	48	28	47
Dry Beans Harvested	75	38	54
Lentils Harvested	96	98	85
Corn Harvested for Silage	38	22	30
Sweet Corn Harvested	76	83	86
Corn Harvested for Grain	2	2	1
Oats Harvested for Grain	88	95	86
Peaches Harvested	81	79	89
Prunes & Plums Harvested	59	40	73
Apples Harvested	9	11	15
Hops Harvested	76	66	77

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Irr. Water Supply	0	1	5	44	50
Pasture & Range	1	13	34	47	5
Potatoes	0	2	8	76	14

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 1999

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg	1999	1998	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	5	4	6	6	12	8	8	16	26	22	24	38	11	13	20
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	93	100	93	100	100	99	99	100	97	88	97	93	91	98	94
Barley															
Harvested	95	99	90	100	100	100	99	100	98	66	88	82	76	93	87
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd Cutting)	NA	NA	NA	98	75	72	83	87	76	34	48	31	65	66	53
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	29	15	24	18	11	14	4	5	5	10	7	9
Sugarbeets															
Harvested															

Avg (1994-1998).

Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 19, 1999 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40E Base	50E Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Lewiston	88	48	69	6	4187	2481	2581	0.00	-0.19	0.00	4.85	6.69
Sand Point	80	38	59	4	2858	1378	1423	0.00	-0.41	0.15	12.24	13.66
Southwest												
Boise	92	50	70	8	4300	2635	2444	0.00	-0.20	0.00	3.25	5.68
Caldwell 5/	88	43	65	3	4089	2381	2736	0.00	-0.18	0.00	0.58	4.78
Mountain Home 5/	92	43	66	5	4114	2526	2416	0.00	-0.19	0.00	2.44	4.74
Parma	91	39	66	6	4157	2470	2309	0.00	-0.21	0.00	3.36	5.28
Weiser	90	44	67	7	4349	2654	2347	0.00	-0.14	0.00	4.01	4.73
Southcentral												
Buhl	88	41	66	7	3915	2350	2004	0.00	-0.13	0.07	3.75	4.87
Burley	90	40	66	8	4042	2428	1903	0.00	-0.15	0.03	6.06	5.10
Hill City	83	29	58	4	2599	1272	1295	0.00	-0.18	0.07	6.33	5.58
Hagerman	91	36	64	4	3821	2232	2538	0.00	-0.09	0.00	2.90	4.42
Malta 5/	86	30	61	5	3326	1793	1760	0.00	-0.17	0.00	6.25	5.79
Twin Falls	85	37	63	5	3447	1927	1805	0.00	-0.17	0.49	5.50	5.20
East												
Aberdeen 5/	84	30	--	--	3098	1611	1574	0.00	-0.19	0.00	3.69	5.39
Grace 5/	83	36	60	5	3032	1630	1382	0.00	-0.35	0.36	10.32	9.21
Idaho Falls	82	34	59	3	3019	1543	1672	0.09	-0.11	0.12	7.64	6.29
Malad City 5/	85	30	59	1	3722	2222	1812	0.00	-0.27	0.00	6.64	8.37
Pocatello	86	29	60	2	3332	1834	1904	0.00	-0.20	0.02	6.90	6.68
Rexburg	83	33	59	4	2894	1480	1547	0.01	-0.25	0.01	9.40	7.92
Salmon	81	34	59	3	3106	1614	1667	0.00	-0.29	0.28	1.63	6.71

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{2/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	--	--	78	54	79	58	80	58	81	61	81	60	80	60	80	59
Emmett	82	67	82	68	83	69	--	--	84	80	83	72	83	71	83	71
Parma	63	54	65	55	65	56	66	56	67	58	66	60	--	--	65	57
Sandpoint	63	53	64	53	--	--	64	56	63	56	65	56	63	56	64	55
Twin Falls	69	56	63	52	66	56	69	52	69	53	70	55	70	56	68	54

1/ Eight Inch Reading. 2/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.